

discretionary use. Inasmuch as the FAA will be able to obligate these funds after March 31 as entitlements only with the enactment of follow-on authorizing legislation, sponsors are advised to give careful consideration to decisions related to the use of entitlement funds during fiscal year 1999.

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*Manager, Programming Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting on Emergency Evacuation Issues

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the FAA's Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) to discuss emergency evacuation issues.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 28, 1999, at 10 a.m. Arrange for oral presentations by January 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Douglas Product Division of Boeing, Conference Room E, Building 800, Douglas Center Complex, corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Carson Street, Long Beach, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Effie M. Upshaw, Office of Rulemaking, ARM-209, FAA, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7626, FAX (202) 267-5075.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. app. III), notice is given of an ARAC meeting to be held on January 28, 1999, at Douglas Product Division of Boeing, Long Beach, CA.

The agenda will include:

- Opening remarks.
- Report on Performance Standards Working Group activities, including detailed discussion of notices of proposed rulemaking on slide lighting illumination and slide portability.

Attendance is open to the public, but will be limited to space available. The public must make arrangements by January 21, 1999, to present oral statements at the meeting. Written statements may be presented to the

committee any time by providing 25 copies to the Assistant Executive Director for Emergency Evacuation Issues or by providing copies at the meeting. In addition, sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting. Arrangements may be made by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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**Ida Klepper,**

*Acting Executive Director, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Public Meeting and Availability of Draft Interim Safety Guidance for Reusable Launch Vehicle Operators

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and availability of draft interim safety guidance for reusable launch vehicle (RLV) operators.

**SUMMARY:** The Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST) has developed a draft interim safety guidance for use by an applicant seeking a license to operate a reusable launch vehicle (RLV). The draft guidance is intended to assist an applicant in responding to public safety concerns of the agency associated with an application to conduct RLV operations.

The safety objectives presented in the draft interim safety guidance are not regulations. The draft guidance reflects the agency's general approach to ensuring public safety is not jeopardized as a result of new launch vehicle technology. Until the FAA issues regulations that address the unique safety aspects associated with reentry of reentry vehicles and RLV operations, the FAA will consider license applications for RLV launch and reentry on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the operational capability of a proposed vehicle. Development of a license application by an RLV operator is facilitated through consultation between the agency and the applicant to assure public safety issues are identified and adequately addressed by the applicant. To the extent appropriate,

existing licensing regulations will apply to applications to launch or reenter an RLV. However, for those unique safety aspects associated with RLV or reentry operations, the FAA is providing interim safety guidance that reflects public safety concerns of the FAA in evaluating a license applicant's capability to conduct safe launch and reentry operations.

The FAA is also preparing proposed rules of general applicability that would address licensing requirements for RLV operators. Public comment will be invited on the content of the notice of proposed rulemaking. You may comment now on the draft interim safety guidance and you may also comment on the notice of proposed rulemaking after it is published in the **Federal Register**.

The FAA will hold a public meeting for the purpose of gathering information from industry and the public generally concerning the safety objectives presented in the draft interim safety guidance. Please submit in writing any information that you would like to present to the FAA not later than 30 days after the public meeting, referencing Docket Number 29140 and addressed to the Rules Docket: Room 915G, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591. The meeting is scheduled for February 11, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at DOT Headquarters located in the Nassif Building, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington D.C. The meeting will be conducted in Room 3200. Visitors must enter through the southwest corner of the building. Copies of the interim safety guidance material are available by contacting the Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591 or visiting AST's web site at <http://ast.faa.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Campbell (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8464.

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